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FOR: METHOD FOR ENHANCEMENT OF NATURALLY  
OCCURRING CYTOPLASMIC MALE STERILITY AND FOR  
RESTORATION OF MALE FERTILITY AND USES THEREOF  
IN HYBRID CROP PRODUCTION

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 9, 2003 in connection with the  
above-identified patent Application please consider the following amendments and  
remarks.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE TITLE**

Amendments to the title begin on page 3 of this paper.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT**

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 4 of this paper.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 5 of this paper.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 10 of this paper.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS**

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 12 of this paper and include an attached set of replacement Drawings.

**REMARKS**

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.

**APPENDIX**

An appendix including a clean version of the Abstract and attached replacement sheets for the Drawings follows page 17 of this paper.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE TITLE**

Please replace the title of the present application with the following title:  
"METHOD FOR REDUCTION OF POLLEN PRODUCTION IN PLANTS BY  
TRANSFORMATION WITH A NUCLEIC ACID ENCODING AN EDITED FORM OF  
THE BRASSICA NAPUS orf224 GENE":